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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10. (*Canceled*)

Claim 11. (*Withdrawn*) Detergent composition for cleaning floors comprising from about 0.0001% to about 0.2% of hydrophilic, shear-thinning polymer that is capable of inhibiting molecular aggregation of surfactant solution on floors during the dry-down process.

Claim 12. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition according to Claim 11 wherein the level of said polymer is from about 0.0001% to about 0.1%.

Claim 13. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition according to Claim 12 wherein the level of said polymer is from about 0.0005% to about 0.08%.

Claim 14. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition according to Claim 11 wherein the hydrophilic, shear-thinning polymer has a molecular weight of at least about 100,000.

Claim 15. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition according to Claim 14 wherein the hydrophilic, shear-thinning polymer has molecular weight of at least about 1,000,000.

Claim 16. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 11 wherein the hydrophilic polymer is selected from the group of polymers consisting of xanthan gum, guar gum gum arabic, pectin and mixtures thereof.

Claim 17. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 16 wherein the hydrophilic polymer is xanthan gum.

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Claim 18. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 11 wherein the level of detergent surfactant is from about 0.01% to about 0.50%; the level of one or more solvents is less than about 5.0%; and the pH is greater than about 9.

Claim 19. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 18 wherein the level of detergent surfactant is from about 0.05% to about 0.30%; the level of one or more solvents is less than about 5.0%; and the pH is greater than about 9.5.

Claim 20. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 19 wherein the level of detergent surfactant is from about 0.10% to about 0.20%; the level of one or more solvents is less than about 5.0%; and the pH is greater than about 10.0.

Claim 21. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition according to Claim 20 wherein the composition is obtained by dilution with from about 1:50 to about 1:250 parts per part of the composition of water of a more concentrated product form prior to use.

Claim 22. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 21 containing an effective amount of suds suppressor.

Claim 23. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 22 wherein said suds suppressor is at a level of from about 0.0005% to about 0.02%.

Claim 24. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 23 wherein said suds suppressor is at a level of from about 0.001% to about 0.01%.

Claim 25. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 24 wherein said suds suppressor comprises a silicone suds suppressor.

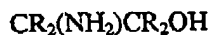
Claim 26. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 11 wherein the detergent surfactant has a predominantly linear structure.

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Claim 27. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 26 wherein the detergent surfactant has a linear structure and is selected from the group consisting of straight chain anionic and nonionic detergent surfactants.

Claim 28. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 11 wherein the alkalinity is provided, at least in an effective amount, by volatile alkaline agents.

Claim 29. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 28 wherein the volatile alkaline agent is an alkanol amine having the formula:



wherein each R is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl groups containing from one to four carbon atoms and the total of carbon atoms in the compound is from three to six.

Claim 30. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 29 wherein the volatile alkaline agent is 2-amino-2-methyl-1propanol.

Claim 31. (*Currently amended*) A kit comprising an implement, a pad containing superabsorbent material having a capacity for water of at least about 15g/g when measured under a confining pressure of 0.3 psi, and a detergent composition comprising from about 0.0001% to about 0.2%, by weight, of a hydrophilic shear thinning polymer, said detergent composition containing from about 0.05% no more than about 0.4% by weight of detergent surfactant, less than about 5.0% by weight of a solvent, and an alkaline material in an amount sufficient to provide a pH of more than about 9, said alkaline material comprising a volatile alkanolamine.

Claim 32. (*Withdrawn*) The detergent composition of Claim 11 in a container, in association with instructions to use it with a pad containing a superabsorbent material.

Claim 33. (*Currently amended*) A process of cleaning a surface, said process comprising the steps of: applying a cleaning effective amount of a detergent composition to said surface, said detergent composition comprising from about 0.0001% to about 0.2%, by weight, of a hydrophilic shear thinning polymer selected from the group consisting of xanthan gum, guar gum, gum Arabic, pectin and mixtures thereof, said detergent composition containing from about 0.05% to no more than about

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0.4% by weight of detergent surfactant, less than about 5.0% by weight of a solvent and an alkaline material in an amount sufficient to provide a pH of more than about 9 said alkaline material comprising a volatile alkanolamine; and wiping said surface with an absorbent structure comprising a superabsorbent material having a capacity for water of at least about 15g/g when measured under a confining pressure of 0.3 psi, such that said composition is absorbed by said absorbent structure.

Claim 34. (*Previously added*) The process of Claim 33 wherein said surface is ceramic and said detergent composition comprises an effective amount of suds suppressor.

Claim 35. (*Previously added*) The process of Claim 34 wherein said surface is vinyl or a polyurethane coated vinyl surface and said detergent composition comprises an effective amount of suds suppressor.

Claim 36. (*Previously added*) The process of Claim 35 wherein said surface is wood and pre-finished wood and wood laminates and said detergent composition comprises an effective amount of suds suppressor.

Claims 37-47. (*Canceled*)

Claim 48. (*Canceled*)

Claim 49. (*Currently amended*) The kit of Claim 48 31 wherein the volatile ~~alkaline compound~~ alkanolamine is 2-amino-2-methylpropanol.

Claim 50. (*Canceled*)

Claim 51. (*Currently amended*) The process of Claim 50 33 wherein the volatile ~~alkaline compound~~ alkanolamine is 2-amino-2-methylpropanol.